October 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are so pleased to welcome everyone back after the October holiday.  All of the children have quickly settled back into the class routine and seem keen and ready to learn.

This newsletter should give you an overview of what we will be learning about this term.  This is always a busy and exciting term for the children as we move towards Christmas. If you have any questions at any point during this term, please phone the school and we will get back to you as soon as possible. Please remember that we will not be able to come to the phone when we are teaching the class. You can also email the school and your query will be forwarded to us. Alternatively, you could write a note in your child’s yellow homework diary as the diaries are checked most days for any correspondence.

Timetable

· Mrs Bryson is the class teacher on Monday/ Tuesday and Mrs Cameron is the class teacher on Wednesday/ Thursday/ Friday.

· PE is on a Monday and a Wednesday each week. Please ensure pupils wear something appropriate for gym when they come to school on those days. For example, they could wear black joggers or leggings and trainers.

· Miss Mellis will be in the class first thing on a Wednesday morning and will be teaching P.E. and music. Please note, Miss Mellis will collect the line on a Wednesday morning to bring the children into school.

· Mrs Gibb will support our class as a PSA for periods of time throughout the week as well as supporting the other Primary 3 class.

· Golden Time will be on a Wednesday. We would ask that pupils do not bring toys in from home for Golden Time or on other school days.

Curriculum

Literacy

· Reading will continue to be heard in class and reading books will go home. We will be encouraging our pupils to apply their reading skills when completing other tasks, for example, to read information on the board or instructions in their maths workbook.

· P2 Pupils will continue to develop their knowledge of sounds and will practise blending sounds together to build words.  P3 pupils will continue to learn and revise spelling patterns.

Spelling homework will continue to be posted every Tuesday on Google Classroom.  Remember to click hand in when you have completed this or if you prefer, you can upload photographs of the activity they have completed.

· In writing this term, we will focus on learning how to write clear, detailed instructions to explain how to complete a variety of simple tasks.  All pupils will be encouraged to write as independently as possible and to apply what they have learned during grammar lessons.  In addition to this, most P3 pupils will also be encouraged to correctly use an increasingly complex range of punctuation, to select the best vocabulary they can think of and to apply their knowledge of grammar rules when completing written tasks.

Numeracy

· Most P2 pupils will be continuing to practise addition and subtraction within 20, exploring mental strategies and the use of concrete materials, such as a number line, to help them work out the answers.  Pupils will also complete tasks related to smaller or larger numbers as appropriate to their level of knowledge and recall, practising reading larger numbers, partitioning them into Tens and Units and working out if they are odd or even.

Most P3 pupils will continue to develop their knowledge and understanding of numbers to 1000.  They will be learning how to set out and complete addition and subtraction chimney sums, with and without carrying and exchanging.

 P2 and P3 will also continue to develop their knowledge of money (from 1p to £2) and time (o’clock, half past), differentiated as appropriate.

Topic

This term, we are continuing with our topic of Communities. The class will continue to develop their map and geography skills, as well as continuing to consider how communities and the wider environment can be looked after. We will also be learning about the Christian celebration of Christmas and will have lots of fun completing various art and crafts tasks in preparation for Christmas.

Helpful tips

· Welly boots can be worn on wet days but please put another pair of shoes into your child’s bag for them to change into when they get to school.

· Please supply your child with a freshly filled water bottle each day. As we are a health promoting school, remember that water is the only drink which can be taken into the classroom and to clearly label your child’s bottle with their name and class. Bottles containing juice will need to stay at the pegs during class time.

· Please continue to label all school clothing, equipment and shoes.  If they are clearly labelled, it is much easier for the item to find its way back to the owner! We appreciate it! Thank you!

Dates for the diary

* 16th November – Dress as you please day
* 17th and 18th November – In-Service Days – school closed to pupils
* 21st December - Cinema Trip (more to follow)
* 22nd December - Church Service

If there is anything else we can help you with or something you wish to discuss, please don’t hesitate to get in touch,

Best Regards

Mrs Bryson and Mrs Cameron